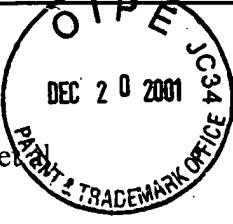


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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Examiner Thanh:

This is a response to the Office Action dated 7/27/01, which has a statutorily shortened period for response that ended 10/27/01. An accompanying petition requests a two-month extension of time, extending the period for response to 12/27/01.

Attached hereto are a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims (Appendix A), a marked-up version of a substitute specification (Appendix B), and an un-marked version of a substitute specification (Appendix C). Marked-up amended drawings are filed in a separate paper in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.121.

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